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Re: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 1X), New York Central Lines, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Middlesex County, MA

Dear Ms. Brown:

Reference is made to the letter, dated September 7, 2011 (and filed with the Board on September 9, 2011), from Julian M. Suso. Town Manager, on behalf of the Town of Framingham ("Framingham"), requesting a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating deadline for the 3.4-mile portion of line (the "Framingham Line") in the above captioned matter that extends from milepost QBS 0.00 at Framingham to milepost QBS 3.40 at the Framingham town line (the "Framingham Extension Request"). (The entire line in the above captioned matter consists of a 4.80-mile line of railroad known as the Albany Division. Fitchburg Subdivision, extending from milepost QBS 0.00 at Framingham to milepost QBS 4.80 at South Sudbury, in Middlesex County, MA (the "Line").)

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT"), as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, I.I.C. acknowledges the Framingham Extension Request and wishes to continue the negotiations for an NITU regarding the Framingham Line as it has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with Framingham, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with Framingham. Accordingly, CSXT agrees to a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period (i.e., until April 27, 2012) to continue negotiations with Framingham.

As provided in 49 CFR 1152.29(c)(2), the extension of the NITU negotiation period until April 27, 2012, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to June 26, 2012, if trail negotiation is unsuccessful. CSXT respectfully requests that the Board confirm that the extension of the consummation period as provided in the regulations applies in this instance.

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CSXT is e-filing this notice. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Very truly yours,

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ce: Julian M. Suso